

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tentative Agenda

Meeting No. 4

DATE:	Thursday, February 9, 2006
TIME:	11:30 AM
PLACE:	Room 149 Annex

1. Call to order and roll call.

2. Bills for Consideration

SB 105 **AN ACT relating to reorganization.**
(BR 392) Senator Dan Kelly, sponsor

Amend various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to rename the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet as the Education Cabinet; create new offices in the Education Cabinet; abolish the Workforce Development Cabinet and create the Department of Workforce Investment in the Education Cabinet, to transfer the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Education Professional Standards Board to the Education Cabinet; transfer various units to the Commerce Cabinet; amend KRS 12.023 to abolish the Office of Early Childhood Development; abolish the Cabinet for Workforce Development and transfer the duties and responsibilities to the Education Cabinet and the Department of Workforce Investment; abolish the Department for Adult Education and Literacy in the Cabinet for Workforce Development and transfer its duties to the newly created Kentucky Adult Education Program in the Council on Postsecondary Education; amend various sections to conform; repeal KRS 12.401, 151B.023, 151B.215, 151B.260, 156.120, 156.497, 156.666, and 200.711; confirm Executive Order 2005-576 dated June 20, 2005, as it relates to the Education Cabinet.

SB 115 **AN ACT relating to government and civics education and**
(BR 1267) **making an appropriation therefor.**
Senator Jack Westwood, sponsor

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to establish a high school government and civics education pilot program and study; require KDE to collaborate with the Kentucky Workgroup on Civic Literacy and Engagement; specify components of the course curriculum to be used in the program; require the course to be available through the Kentucky Virtual High School; require KDE to select 10 high schools to participate in a three-year pilot program; require professional development for pilot program participants; require the Kentucky Board of Education to select a university to develop the course curriculum, develop and implement professional development opportunities, and conduct a research evaluation of the pilot program; require annual reports to the Kentucky Board of Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Education; and amend KRS 156.553 to require KDE to allocate funds

from the teachers' professional growth fund to support the pilot program and study for the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 annually.

**SB 130 AN ACT relating to educational assessment and
(BR 1399) accountability.**

Senators Kelly and Winters, sponsors

Amend KRS 158.6453 to require that, beginning in 2008-2009, the assessment program under the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) for high schools include the ACT examination in English, reading, mathematics, and science to be administered in grade 11, the WorkKeys assessments in reading for information, business writing, and applied mathematics, and any other component necessary to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act; establish that the Act examination and additional items in high school be used in lieu of a customized or commercially available norm-referenced test; establish the kinds of accommodations to be provided for students with disabilities taking the ACT; establish that the new portions of the high school assessment program shall be known as the "Kentucky Work and College Readiness Examination" or "Readiness Examination"; require the cost of the first administration of the Readiness Examination to be paid for by the Kentucky Department of Education; require individual reporting of student results on the Readiness Examination; require that student results on the Readiness Examination shall be recorded on a student's high school transcript; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require a high school to offer a student who receives a low score on the ACT in English, reading, or mathematics the opportunity to participate in a remedial program; establish permissible components of the remedial program; require the Kentucky Department of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and public universities to provide technical assistance to schools and school districts in the development of remediation programs; require a school district to pay for the cost of a second administration of the ACT, to be reimbursed by the Kentucky Department of Education if the student meets established achievement standards; establish that the cost of any subsequent administrations of the ACT shall be paid by the student; amend KRS 158.6455 to establish the 2008-2010 school years as the new baseline for high schools for measuring school improvement under the CATS assessment and accountability system.

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment.